

Resource Management and Climate Protection Task Force
Minutes from the 11/18/10 Meeting

Next meeting: January 20, 2011, 3-5pm
County offices, 555 County Center, 5th Floor, Redwood City

In attendance:

Noelle Bell, Ecology Action
Kari Binley, Sustainable San Mateo County
Maryann Moise Derwin, Committee Vice Chair, Portola Valley Town Council*
Rosanne Foust, SAMCEDA
Pedro Gonzalez, South San Francisco City Council*
Deborah Gordon, Committee Chair, Woodside Town Council*
Brian Kimball, Ecology Action
Kathy Lavezzo, PG&E
Richard Napier, C/CAG
Barbara Pierce, Redwood City Council*
Kim Springer, San Mateo County RecycleWorks (staff)
Lisa Wan, San Mateo County RecycleWorks (staff)
Sandy Wong, C/CAG

Not in attendance:

Bob Cormia, Sustainable Silicon Valley
Carole Groom, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors*
Alexis Petru, San Mateo County RecycleWorks (staff)
Sepi Richardson, Brisbane City Council*
Nicole Sandkulla, BAWSCA
Eric Sevim, A+ Japanese Auto Repair

*=Voting member

1) Introductions: Brian Kimball introduced Noelle Bell who will represent Ecology Action at future meetings. Staff explained that a process will need to be completed to establish a new Energy stakeholder member to the committee if Brian Kimball will leave the “post”.

2) Public Comment: There were no public comments.

3) Approval of Minutes: The committee approved November’s meeting minutes: Gonzalez/Pierce.

4) List of Potential New Large Business and Chamber of Commerce RMCP Committee Members and Approval to Take the List to the January 2011 C/CAG Board Meeting for Appointments (Kim Springer): Staff presented an update on the list of potential interested parties to fill vacant committee positions, including Large Business and Chambers of Commerce. Staff sent emails and made phone calls publicizing the open position to suggested contacts at Oracle, Tesla Motors, Seton Medical and WebCor Builders. Google was unable to be reached. Of those suggested and contacted, Seton and Tesla Motors responded that they were unable to take on such a position. Oracle and

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Webcor Builders both confirmed their interest with verbal agreements but had yet to send in official letters of interest.

The committee asked for a letter of interest from Ecology Action for the energy stakeholder position. Staff will provide updates regarding committee membership at January's RMCP meeting and the committee approved taking a "slate", if completed, to the C/CAG Board in January.

5) Presentation on the Economy in San Mateo County and the San Mateo County Economic Developments Association's Green Economy Development Efforts

(Rosanne Foust): Ms. Foust made a presentation, "Economy in San Mateo County and its Green Potential," to the committee. After the presentation, the committee discussed the role of underemployed contractors and their potential to be retrained and to work in the energy-efficiency field in San Mateo County. Training opportunities exist through college programs and by leveraging expertise from outside the county. The committee noted the importance of retrofitting existing building stock versus building new facilities.

The committee discussed the changing definition of jobs; many individuals have several unconventional, part-time jobs, working in a variety of roles. The committee noted that individuals with this work schedule may not necessarily be represented in the figures presented. Staff suggested that accounting for unconventional workers through tax returns with multiple Schedule C forms could be a good indicator of individuals with unconventional work schedules.

The committee also discussed incorporating energy-efficiency retrofits in mandated building retrofits, such as re-roofing, to drive the green sector. The committee recognized the diversity in the county and its uniqueness as compared to other metropolitan areas in the region. The committee discussed the potential for attracting a green workforce back to the county and creating new jobs in the industries projected to expand.

Ms. Foust suggested that she would like to see a diversified industrial base and affordable housing in the county. Staff suggested that they believe that it's important to maintain and create commercial incubator spaces, as these spaces are affordable places for people with ideas to develop businesses and in times when existing businesses need to economically downsize into more affordable facilities.

Ms. Foust will email her presentation and the Beacon Economics Report to staff for distribution to the committee.

6) Set Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on January 20, 2011, the regularly scheduled, third Thursday and at the usual location at 555 County Center, Redwood City.

7) Committee Updates

There were no committee updates.

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Proposed Dates for 2011 Resource Management and Climate Protection Committee Meetings (based on the usual 3rd Thursday):

January 20, 2011

February 17, 2011

March 17, 2011

April 21, 2011

May 19, 2011

June 16, 2011

July 21, 2011

August 18, 2011

September 15, 2011

October 20, 2011

November 17, 2011

December 15, 2011

Meeting necessity will drive the need for any cancellations of meetings.